

A SOLDIER OF COMMERCE

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CHAPTER X.

INSPECTING THE PRISON—A CHANGE OF ORDERLIES.

and asked her to touch her lips to the rim. She did so and gave him her glass for the same salute.

"To the success of the handsomest, dashingest, daintiest inspector of prisons the czar of Russia ever had!"

They both drank the toast.

"Now come. I know the way," she said. "The papers—the commission—I found them in the breast pocket."

"You will not need them if you make your voice heavier."

Amazed, half conscious of what he was doing, the prince followed. She led him down a staircase to a stone corridor. The captain of the prison guard came to meet them. The visor of her cap was pulled down. She stiffened up and addressed the guard with dignity.

"I am Prince Delnikoff, inspector general of prisons. Here is the seal of



"Our lives depend upon your discretion."

the czar. I am here to examine your dungeons."

"Yes, your excellency," stammered the captain. "There are but few of us here tonight. The governor's ball!"

"I know. I just left there."

"But you need an escort through the dungeons."

"I never have an escort. I wish to see for myself. My orderly is escort enough."

Delnikoff stood silent, marveling at this splendid acting. "Have I really known the girl before?" he asked himself.

"What prisoners have you?"

"In the lower dungeons there are but few. They are waiting for transportation to Siberia."

"Do you keep all prisoners for Siberia in the lower dungeons?"

"Yes, excellency."

Alma knew the general plan of the prison and went at once to the lower dungeons. She found the key that unlocked the iron door that led to the corridor.

"That wine—I drank too much. I shall not be fit for the toast at the supper," whispered the prince.

"It is the close atmosphere. We shall be out again soon. You will feel better."

They passed in, and she locked the door behind them. The first cell they came to she unlocked. A dirty looking wretch was lying on his pallet of straw.

"He will be cleaner in Siberia," said Alma as she looked his cell.

The next cell was empty, and she did not relock the door. Each cell door in turn she opened and looked in. They had almost completed the round of the corridor when she heard the prince breathing heavily. She turned and found him leaning against the wall.

"I am ill!" he whispered. "My head is splitting."

"Come out in the air," she said.

"I can't!"

His head drooped. A strength born of the exigencies of the moment she thrust him into an empty cell and tore the lock from under him.

Then she locked the door. Swiftly, breathlessly, with panting bosom and trembling hands, she opened door after door. In almost the last cell of the row was Harvey Irons asleep.

"Wake up! Wake up, M. Irons!" Alma whispered. He sat upright.

"Who are you?"

"Hush! Our lives depend upon your silence and obedience. I am Alma, now acting as the inspector general of prisons. Come with me!"

"Alma! Alma! Junieff!" he whispered as he looked at her in bewilderment.

"Yes. Come with me. I will help you to escape. They will kill you here. Come, now. Wear this cloak and do not speak."

Marveling, he staggered to his feet and donned the cloak.

"Follow me," she whispered. "Do not speak. Our lives depend upon your discretion."

Harvey obeyed her injunctions. She led him to the corridor.

"How did your excellency find things?" asked the captain of the guard timidly.

"In good condition, all but the atmosphere. It is so close it has made my orderly ill. We will step out into the cool air for awhile, after which we will return and resume our inspection."

The bunch of keys was heavy, and as the guard took them from Alma's hand he did not notice that one had been abstracted. He hung the bunch in its accustomed place. A moment later the door of Tiflis prison had closed behind Alma Junieff and Harvey Irons.

CHAPTER XI.

PRISON ALARM.

COVERED by their long cloaks unnoticed by the few who were in the streets, Alma and Harvey Irons went toward the river. Several times Harvey tried to speak, but Alma would not permit it. Winding through the narrow streets met twice by sentries and giving the password, which she knew, Alma led him safely to the wharf where the hay bount lay. Lanterns glowed here and there, but most of the boatsmen were asleep. Alma knew where the boat of Charka of Ashkar was moored and hurried to it. It could not well be mis taken, for it was the largest of the hayboats, and its cargo had not been touched.

"Charka!" she said as the two stepped upon the boat. "Charka of Ashkar!"

"Who calls Charka of Ashkar?" asked the sleepy boatman as he emerged from the dingy little box he called his house.

"It is I, Charka, who purchased you hay and bargained for you to deliver it at Astrabad as a passenger."

"Good. You were long coming. The hay has been wanted many times. But I knew you would come, so I did not sell."

"M. Irons," said Alma, turning to Harvey and putting out her hands. "I can do no more. Knowing that you were in danger of being killed or of being sent to Siberia, where your identity would be lost and all hope of rescue gone, I determined that I would see you free if possible. I have purchased this hay, and Charka will deliver it—rather—at Astrabad, where you will be safe from the persecutions of your enemies."

"But what of you, my darling girl my bravest? You have sacrificed yourself for me."

"They dare not kill me," said Alma. "They would do anything. But I cannot go like this. Give me just a moment. Let me take you in my arms!"

Charka, with a fine sense of propriety, walked back to his little box.

"Oh, if love could repay you, dear," said Harvey, taking her in his arms. "If the devotion of a life could pay you for what you have done, how gladly would I make you happy! But what can I do? It will be impossible for me to see you now."

"Some day—some day I will come to you."

"Come with me now," raining kisses on her lips. "I will not go without you. I will go back and give myself up."

"Dear one, do not speak like that. It is ungrateful!"

"So it is, darling. You have cut off your hair, your beautiful hair, that I loved. How did you accomplish my rescue? Tell me what you did?"

Alma told Harvey the whole story.

"I even gave myself up to abandon for your sake, dear one," concluded Alma. "I permitted my lips to touch mine; I allowed his arm to encircle my waist. Oh, the thought of it burns but it was for you!"

"Great heaven! What a woman! And now you want me to leave you to their vengeance! Russia does not forgive. You will be sent to Siberia. You must come with me or I shall remain and fight for you."

"And be killed! You must go at once. Kiss me, dear one! It may be the last."

"It shall not! Hark! The alarm gun of the prison!"

The dull boom of a cannon smote the air.

"Here, we must get out of this," said Charka, rushing from his box. "The soldiers will swarm along the river in no time."

"My uncle has thought we were gone too long," said Alma, trembling with the weakness of emotion. "He has searched for us in the palace and not finding us, has gone to the prison. He has questioned the servants and learned that we were there. Perhaps he has even discovered that the prince is locked in a cell. My dear one, hide under the hay. Charka, where can he hide? He is your friend, and your enemies are after him!"

With a sweep of his hand Charka showed them the immense cargo of hay. It rested upon many long planks that met in the middle of the boat and extended some feet over each side. Under the planks was a vacant space.

"Under there," said Charka. "There you will be safe. Hurry! The dogs of Muscovites will soon be here!"

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Home and Vicinity

Mrs. A. Dickerson spent Saturday in Rhaca.

Rev. H. S. Higgins spent Monday in Edmore.

Mrs. A. Coons, of St. Louis, spent Friday in town.

Mrs. Wm. Sturdevant was an Rhaca visitor Friday.

Steve Bennett transacted business in Saginaw Friday.

Bert Amsden made a business trip to Rhaca Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Youngs spent Friday in Rhaca.

Mrs. C. H. Taylor spent Saturday with relatives and friends in Elwell.

Miss Olive Breese spent Saturday and Sunday in Ashley with friends.

O. L. Burdick, of Shepherd, was a business caller in the city Monday.

Mrs. Henry Nelson spent Saturday and Sunday in St. Louis with her aunt.

Floyd Saterlee, of Rhaca, was in town Friday and Saturday visiting friends.

Mrs. Sarah Follen, of Wheeler, was the guest of Miss Mamie Winn Saturday.

Miss Irene Emilt was in St. Louis Saturday spending the day with friends.

Mrs. M. L. Crockett spent Friday and Saturday with her daughter at St. Louis.

Miss Ethel Spore, of Forest Hill, was the guest of Miss Floy Eagon Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. M. M. Hensley went to Rhaca Saturday, where she will visit friends and relatives.

Thomas Uam, of Mt. Pleasant, was in town Friday and Saturday transacting business.

Mrs. John Carter, of Newark, was the guest of Mrs. A. H. Olmstead the first of the week.

Mrs. Fred Wright spent the latter part of last week with relatives and friends at Shepherd.

Miss Margaret Winn, of North Star, spent Saturday and Sunday in town with her parents.

Fred Strong and sister, Miss Mable, spent Saturday with friends and relatives at Riverdale.

Herman Morris left for Flushing Saturday, where he will spend a few days with friends.

Mrs. Emma Loomis, went to Rhaca Friday, where she will spend some time with her parents.

Miss Leah Lemmon, of Elwell, returned home Saturday after a short visit with friends in the city.

Mrs. Nora Brown, of Shepherd, returned home Monday, after a short visit with Mrs. George Latimer.

W. W. Kathan and little daughter went to Grand Rapids Saturday to spend a few days with friends.

Mrs. M. E. Banks, of St. Louis, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Baker the latter part of last week.

Mrs. Arthur Barton returned to her home in Ionia Saturday, after a short visit with Mrs. W. H. Snell.

Miss Harriette Lancashire went to Saginaw Monday, where she will spend a few days with friends.

Arthur Wilcox returned to his home in Mt. Pleasant Saturday, after a short visit with friends in the city.

Miss Rachel Grey, of Rhaca, returned home Friday, after spending several days with Mrs. James C. Kress.

Mrs. Jennie Marks, of North Star, was the guest of her cousin, Mrs. A. J. Sluyter the latter part of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Beckwith and little son, spent Sunday with Mr. Beckwith's mother at Rhaca.

Miss Blanche Clark, who has been spending some time in the city returned to her home in Fenton Monday.

Miss Anna Bradner went to St. Louis Monday to spend the day with her cousin, Miss Ethyl Harwood.

Mrs. J. G. Inglis, of Bay City, who has been the guest of friends for the past few days returned home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. DeYoung left for Crystal Monday morning to attend the funeral of Mr. DeYoung's mother.

Miss Jennie Weed, returned to her home in Breckenridge Saturday, after a short visit with friends in the city.

Mrs. C. Hayt, who has been spending the past two weeks with her daughter in Maple Rapids returned home Saturday.

Walter Sandal, of East Jordan, who has been spending some time with his uncle, J. Sandal returned home Monday.

E. Salter and daughter, Mable, went to Riverdale Saturday, where they will spend a few days with Mrs. C. L. Brooks.

Miss Pearl LaMey, of Riverdale, spent Saturday and Sunday with her mother, who is taking treatment at the Sanitarium.

Charles R. Heston, of Jacksonville, Florida, arrived Saturday to spend some time in the city with his sister, Mrs. A. J. Kelley.

Mrs. Eliza Goodie, who has been visiting friends in the city for the past two weeks returned to her home in Rhaca Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bahke returned to their home in Shepherd Friday, after a few day's visit with Mr. and Mrs. George Bahke.

Mrs. Wm. Hunter, of Owosso, who has been visiting friends in town for the past two weeks returned to her home in Hamster Monday.

D. W. Bowers and son, Orvil, returned to their home in Washington township Monday, after a short visit with Mr. Bower's brother, Edward.

Wm. Gulyen left Monday for Edmore, to visit friends for a few days, after which he will go to Grand Rapids, where he expects to spend some time.

Ralph Barry and John Mohrharat, who have been employed by the Alma Manufacturing Co. for some time past left Monday morning for Detroit where they expect to remain during the summer.

Madison Patterson, who has been visiting relatives in the city for the past two weeks, left for Grand Rapids, Saturday, where he will join his parents, who will leave for the West in a few days.

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John R. Shaffer to Wesley A. Markham, lots 1, 2, 3, blk 1, Riverdale.
James A. Cassada to Elmer E. Cassada et al, lots 150, 151, Perrinton.
Franklin J. Ray to Sidney Shunk, pt lots 1, 2, 3, blk 1, Riverdale.
Geo. Sharrar to Earl White, w 1/2 of w 1/2 of sec 14, sec 22, Emerson.
Chas. D. Rimerich to Sarah Dorsey, s 1/2 of n 1/2 of sec 14, sec 22, Emerson.
John B. Anstey to George W. Lehnert, n 1/2 of sec 14, sec 22, Emerson.
John W. Johnson to John B. Hall, pt e 1/2 of n 1/2 of sec 14, sec 22, Emerson.
Carrie B. Thornton to Wm. C. Mitchell, e 1/2 of sec 14, sec 22, Emerson.
Julia M. Spang to Cassius Lehnert, pt e 1/2 of sec 14, sec 22, North Star.
Geo. M. Dressell to John W. Johnson, pt w 1/2 of n 1/2 of sec 14, sec 22, Emerson.
Caroline Chamberlain to John W. Johnson, pt n 1/2 of sec 14, sec 22, Emerson.
and part sec 14, sec 22, Emerson.
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Alice Aldrich to John W. Fox, s 1/2 of n 1/2 of sec 14, sec 22, Emerson.
John W. Fox to Alice Aldrich, pt n 1/2 of sec 14, sec 22, Emerson.
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Loren Harvey to Martin Cox, pt sec 14, sec 22, Emerson.
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George W. Payne to Edward Redman, s 1/2 of n 1/2 of sec 14, sec 22, Emerson.
Herbert C. Beebe to Casper Kerr, n 1/2 of sec 14, sec 22, Emerson.
Joseph W. Chamberlain to James Hopkins, n 1/2 of sec 14, sec 22, Emerson.
Edward N. Dubois to Jack Dickson, s 1/2 of sec 14, sec 22, Emerson.
Jerome L. Smith to Melvin Sharrar, n 1/2 of sec 14, sec 22, Emerson.
James C. Gardner to Lucy H. Wilcox, pt e 1/2 of sec 14, sec 22, Emerson.
Lucy H. Wilcox to Glenn H. Wilcox et al, pt e 1/2 of sec 14, sec 22, Emerson.
Sarah J. Hart to Ada J. Oliver, pt lot 12, blk 1, Rhaca.
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TOWNSHIP ELECTION NOTICE.

To the electors of the township of Arcadia, county of Gratiot, state of Michigan: Notice is hereby given that the annual township meeting and general election for the township of Arcadia will be held at the Grange Hall on section 14 in the township of Arcadia, Gratiot county, Michigan, on Monday, April 14, 1905.

The following officers are to be elected: One supervisor, one township clerk, one treasurer, one township road commissioner, one school inspector (full term), one justice of the peace (full term), one justice of the peace (three years to fill vacancy), one justice of the peace (one year to fill vacancy), one member of the board of review (full term), one member of the board of review (to fill vacancy), four (4) constables.

Also the following state and other officers: One justice of the supreme court, two (2) regents of the University of Michigan, one member of the state board of education to fill vacancy caused by the resignation of Patrick H. Kelly and one circuit judge for the 25th judicial circuit comprising the counties of Gratiot and Clinton.

By order of the Township Board.

Dated township of Arcadia this 17th day of March, A. D. 1905.

PHYLETUS J. ADAMS,

Clerk of Arcadia township, Gratiot Co., Michigan.

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS.

The Republicans of Pine River township will meet at the town Hall, in Forest Hill, Saturday, March 25, 1905 at 2 p. m. for the purpose of nominating a township ticket and transacting other business as may be necessary. By order of Committee.

CAGE WOOD.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Arthur Needham, 26, Wheeler.

Cyrena Allen, 18, same.

Oren Lehner, 20, Washington.

Ruby May Fell, 20, Newark.

Geo. Manning, 26, New Haven.

Florence Gager, 25, same.

Arthur Sherman, 21, Perrinton.

Myrtle Forward, 21, same.

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